

OLD PEOPLE

Do not always receive the sympathy and attention which they deserve. Their ailments are regarded as purely imaginary, or natural and unavoidable at their time of life. Disease and infirmity should not always be associated with old age. The eye of the gray haired grandsire may be as bright and the complexion as fair as any of his younger and more vigorous companions.

Good Blood is the secret of healthy old age, for it regulates and controls every part of the body, strengthens the nerves, makes the muscles elastic and supple, the bones strong and the flesh firm; but when this life fluid is polluted or poisoned and loses its nutritive, health sustaining elements, then there is a rapid decline of the vital powers, resulting in premature old age and disease. Any derangement of the blood quickly shows itself in an ulcer, sore, wart, tumor or some other troublesome growth upon the body, and rheumatic and neuralgic pains become almost constant, accompanied with poor digestion and cold extremities.

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ALL REPORTS CORRECTED

Gen. Greeley Says Work of Building Telegraph Lines in Alaska Has Been Phenomenal.

MUCH OF THE REGION UNEXPLORED.

Not a Dozen Miles of Wagon Road in the Country Traversed by the Wires and Material Was Transported Over Great Distances in the Philippines. 6,434 Miles of Land Lines Were Laid.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The annual report of Gen. A. W. Greeley, chief signal officer of the army, says the corps have actually built and put in working order 1,121 miles of land lines and submarine cables within a period of 24 months. The accomplishment of such results he says, would be most creditable to officers and men concerned therein if Alaska was an ordinary country, for this work included not only surveying, constructing and installation of this length of line, but also involved the manufacture and inspection of enormous quantities of material, instruments, etc., many hundreds of tons in weight, and their transportation over distances ranging from 1,000 to 7,000 miles. When one considers, however, the exceedingly difficult physical conditions within the territory, he says, the work must be considered simply phenomenal as in all parts of Alaska traversed by this great length of line there are not a dozen miles of wagon road and much of the region is unexplored. Speaking of improvements effected by the corps in Cuba, Gen. Greeley says: "It is unquestioned that on occupying Cuba the American army found a few dilapidated telegraph lines operated by antiquated methods, with tariff rates increasing in proportion to the length of the message without free delivery and with grave uncertainties as to espionage, secrecy and delivery. This system, had as it was, served only the western half of the island. In leaving Cuba there was turned over to the government a system of 2,500 miles, extending from San y Martinez, in the west, to Cape May, in the extreme east. With every support or town of importance electrically connected. The present instruments are of the best modern types, the transmission speedy and reliable, and the tariff rates exceedingly low, while the certainty of delivery and inviolability of messages are beyond question."

Of the work in the Philippines the report says: "The magnificent system of telegraph lines and cables was very largely constructed and installed under Col. Allen. This system, increased during the fiscal year by 2,600 miles, consisted on June 30, 1902, of 31 submarine cables, 1,225 miles in length, and land lines 5,108 miles in length, making an aggregate of 6,434 miles. It is almost needless to say that the work of construction and installation under the disturbed and difficult conditions existing in the archipelago demanded talents of the highest order. The system stands to-day as a monument to the energy, skill and resourcefulness of the American soldier. On entering the Philippine islands the American army found practically no existing telegraph lines as the few land lines connecting the Visayan cables of the Eastern Extension Telegraph company had been destroyed by the insurgents, as well as the lines in Luzon when they retreated before the advance of our army. The only lines of any importance that came into our possession were several hundred miles of dilapidated and antiquated lines in the Cagayan valley and along the west coast of Luzon."

Gen. Greeley calls attention to the necessity of a Pacific cable. Owing to the great pressure of work he says not as much time has been given to wireless telegraphy tests as Gen. Greeley desired, but he reports that progress has been made. He again calls attention to the necessity for international cable regulations and recommends that the war department be represented at the International Telegraph conference to be held in London next year.

Home for Indian Orphans.
South McAlester, I. T., Nov. 4.—A petition has been filed in the United States court by Rev. J. S. Murrow and others for the incorporation of the Murrow Indian Orphans home, to be located at Atoka and used exclusively for orphans of full-blood parentage, admission being denied any child more than half white.

New Civil War Threatened.
Port Au Prince, Hayti, Nov. 4.—A troop of 1,200 Fouchardists which entered the capital, returning from the campaign against Gen. Firmin, had a conflict with the civil authorities. There was heavy firing during all the night. Seven persons were killed and many were wounded. The situation is grave, threatening a new civil war.

Largest Ranch in the World.
Austin, Tex., Nov. 4.—A solid tract of land 125 miles long and 100 miles wide, 7,500,000 acres, situated in the state of Sonora, Mex., has been purchased by W. C. Green, of New York city, and three other Americans. It is to be fenced and converted into the largest cattle ranch in the world.

Electric Line Will Cost \$450,000.
South McAlester, I. T., Nov. 4.—Contracts have been awarded for constructing the electric line from South McAlester to Haleyville. The line with all equipments will cost \$450,000.

Young Will Succeed Miles.

Washington, Oct. 27.—"I do not think I am betraying any confidence when I say that Major General S. B. M. Young will be the next lieutenant general of the army," said Major General Corbin today. Then he added: "And his promotion will be enjoyed by no one more than by myself."

Lieutenant General Miles will retire forage next August and this declaration by General Corbin was inspired by comment to the effect that the appearance of General Corbin's name in the monthly army list next after that of General Miles pointed out the probable succession. It is stated that the order of the names in the list was fixed by the seniority of the commissions of the officers. General Young would have about a year to serve in that grade if he is made lieutenant general.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*
Are They Criminals?

Republicans claim that the conversion of the State School Fund into certificates of indebtedness was ineffective "looting the School Fund." If the charge is true certainly the men who committed the crime should be punished. But, strangely enough, the Republican party has nominated for Supreme Judge two of the very men who voted for these certificates—Whybark and Higbee being the men referred to. Now, is the Republican party supporting two "criminals" for Supreme Judge, or is that party trying to deceive the people by a false charge? It is up to the Republican party to explain.

From Hot to Cold.

Dysentery is prevalent everywhere in summer and is due to miasmatic poisons, and begins abruptly with inflammation of the mucous lining of the large bowel. In America the disease is common, but properly treated does not result as seriously as in the tropics. Perry Davis' Painkiller is the best known remedy and the most efficacious in the treatment of dysentery.

She Left \$50,000 For Charity.

New York, Oct. 31.—A second large bequest made in less than a year to the Rathbone memorial home for aged and infirm persons at Evansville, Ind., has been disclosed through the filing for probate in the surrogate's office of the will of Mrs. Kate Rathbone, widow of George Rathbone, who died October 3 at Clifton Springs. It is expected the home will receive \$50,000 from the estate. Mrs. Rathbone was a sister-in-law of Miss Caroline S. Rathbone, who died at Clifton Springs last December, leaving \$75,000 to the home.

Men Will Be Boys.

In the excitement of a lively exercise like boat-racing or ball-playing, they will strain their muscles and go home limping and sore. Then they are glad they have Perry Davis' Painkiller on hand to soothe the quivering nerves; to penetrate the muscles with warmth and healing power. It has relieved the pain of two generations of Americans. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents.

Two Were Killed in Tennessee.

Dayton, Tenn., Oct. 31.—N. J. Cooley and his son-in-law, Will Whitfield, were killed by Manuel Thurman, a saloonkeeper, last night. Whitfield was shot three times. Cooley lived until 6 o'clock this morning, and made a dying statement to the effect that Cooley and Whitfield were at Cooley's home when Thurman entered a room occupied by Cooley's daughter. Whitfield followed Thurman into the room and grappled with him. Cooley entered and Thurman fired, with the result as stated. Thurman surrendered.

There is probably no disease more distressing and annoying than piles. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is daily curing cases of years' standing of itching and bleeding piles. The cure begins on the first application, a little perseverance makes the cure complete. Price, 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents.—H. L. Tucker.

Last Sleep of Two Trauts.

Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 31.—Daniel Neal and Stanley Bufford were instantly killed and William Rousch was fatally injured by a Big Four freight train while asleep near the tracks here to day. They were tired of school and left their homes three days ago. Becoming weary, after a long tramp, the boys sat down on the tracks to rest and fell asleep.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Coffee Fields are Ruined.

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—The entire coffee zone of Guatemala has been destroyed by the flames and smoke from Santa Maria's blazing mouth. Eruptions threaten the destruction of every living thing within reach of the fumes and fires that pour from the burning mountain, according to a cable to Castle Bros., importers, of this city, received from their coffee plantation in Guatemala. Only meager details are given.

"Last Monday," said Louis Hirsch of Castle Bros., "I wiped to our representatives there asking for news of the eruption of Maria and last night I received in reply this cablegram: 'It is true. Enormous losses. Horrible volcanic eruption. Coffee zone destroyed. Our lives are in danger. Further reports will follow.'"

"The coffee districts referred to," said Mr. Hirsch, "are the Costa Rica and Costa Granda. They are the finest plantations in the country. If the coffee district is destroyed, as the cable seems to indicate, one-third of the crop is most likely involved. 'This volcano, Santa Maria, is located between Retalhuleu and Quezaltenango. The towns in the neighborhood most likely to be destroyed are San Felipe, Mazatenango and Quezaltenango. The volcano has been dead or sleeping for many years.'"

"I was in the district last April at the time when earthquakes racked the country. No volcano eruptions accompanied the quakes, however. Never try to coax a cold or cough, use the remedy that undauntably conquers both. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the great specific for all throat and lung troubles. Price, 25 and 50 cents.—H. L. Tucker.

Dogs Saved Four Lives.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Two Great Dane dogs saved the lives of four persons last night and then were rescued themselves from a burning building in Ashland avenue by their grateful masters. The dogs apparently became frightened at the smoke and the crackling of the flames under them and began to bark.

The noise they made awakened Henry and Arthur Hirsch, members of the Calumet Metal Co., and J. C. Spokane and Benjamin Barrigan, who were asleep in the building.

As they were leaving the building Arthur Hirsch suggested to his brother that they ought to save the dogs, so the two turned back and, groping their way through the smoke, found the two dogs huddled together, almost overcome. Grasping the dogs by the collars, the two men drew them to a rear door and escaped.

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Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

Wireless Telegraphy on all Passenger Trains.

Rome, Oct. 26.—It has been decided to establish wireless telegraphy apparatuses at all stations and on all passenger trains on Italian railroads.

King Victor Emanuel, of his own initiative, has appointed William Marconi a chevalier of the Order of Italian Merit.

The installation of the wireless system on the trains is expected to place them in intercommunication, so to avoid wrecks.

New York, Oct. 25.—Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the well-known woman suffragist, died to-day at home in West Ninety-fourth street in this city. Old age was given as the cause of death. She was conscious almost to the last. About a week ago Mrs. Stanton began to fail rapidly. This became more noticeable last week, and then it was known to the family that her death was only a question of days and hours.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHERRY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists 75c.

GUNNING FOR SNIPE.

The Old Man Couldn't Understand "Jim's" Frequent Visits to the City.

From the Detroit Free Press.
"Can you tell me whereabouts here in Detroit they shoot snipe?" asked a man of 55 who looked the farmer, of the special policeman at the Union depot the other day.

"Lord, man, but do you take this for a look-out swamp?" exclaimed the officer in reply.
"No, of course not, but they do shoot snipe here, don't they?"
"Not within six miles of this spot. Did you come in to go snipe-hunting?"

"Not exactly. But I want to know about the birds. Are they particularly wild?"

"I don't think so."
"Do you hunt 'em at night?"
"Of course not."

"Are they hard to kill?"
"No more than quail. What are you up to, anyway?"

"Well, it's this way," replied the old man as he leaned up against the wall for support. "I've got a son Jim. About once a week he heads for Detroit, and when I ask him what he's going to do here he answers that he's going to shoot snipe. He comes back home in about two days, looking all dragged out, and he goes on to say that the snipe didn't show up, or that it was too dark for good shooting, or that the birds outwitted his shot. I've heard him talking in his sleep about 'straights,' 'flushes,' 'all fairs' and so on, and I thought I'd just dropped to town and find out what it all meant. What has a 'straight' or a 'flush' got to do with snipe? What have snipe got to do with my Jim, who ought to be home looking for 'em?"

The officer took the inquirer aside and had a confidential chat with him, and at the end of ten minutes Jim's father nodded his head, smiled grimly and remarked:
"I see, Jim is home to-day, and probably will be to-morrow, but about next day he'll get restless and softly observe that he guesses he'll come to town and try the snipe again. About a minute later—"

"What?" asked the officer.
"Jim will be so mixed up with 'straights,' 'flushes,' 'snipe' and his old dad that he won't get the cracks out of his back and the wobble out of his knees before the snow goes off next spring."

Herbina sweetens the breath, brightens the eye and clears the complexion without the slightest ill-effects whatever, and ensures the natural bloom of health. Price, 50 cents.—H. L. Tucker.

Girl Peace-maker Killed.
Henryville, Ind., Oct. 31.—Rosa Lightcap, aged 18 years, was shot and instantly killed by her sweetheart, William C. Becket. Becket had been employed by Miss Lightcap's father, who is a wealthy farmer, and had fallen in love with her. His affection was reciprocated, but her parents objected, and Becket was discharged.

He called this morning at the Lightcap home and was met at the door by Miss Lightcap's brother, who ordered him away. A fight followed. The girl appeared just as Becket drew a pistol and pointed it at Lightcap. She jumped between the men just as Becket fired. Becket fled after the tragedy.

For all fresh cuts or wounds, either on the human subject or on animals, Ballard's Snow Liniment is excellent; while for corn-huskers' sprained wrists, barbed-wire cuts and sores on working horses, it cannot be too highly commended. Price, 25 and 50 cents.—H. L. Tucker.

Wife Shoots Her Husband.
Joplin, Mo., Oct. 31.—R. O. Randall, a well-known real estate dealer of Carthage, was shot and killed there at noon to-day by his wife in Lawyer Jno. Flanagan's office.

Mrs. Randall brought suit for divorce several days ago and when they met to-day a quarrel ensued.

Mrs. Randall claims that her husband attempted to stab her with a knife, and that she shot him in self-defense.

Mrs. Randall fired five times, most of the bullets taking effect. Randall fell to the floor and expired without a word.

Mrs. Randall was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

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